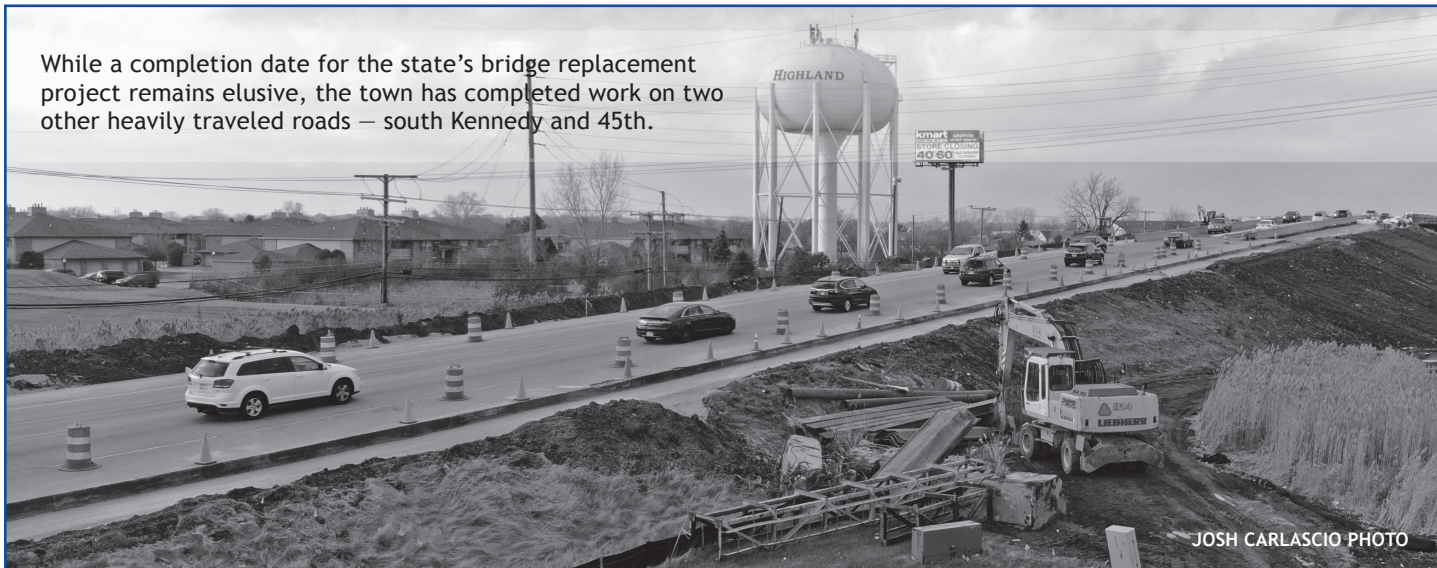


# GAZEBO EXPRESS

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While a completion date for the state's bridge replacement project remains elusive, the town has completed work on two other heavily traveled roads – south Kennedy and 45th.



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## ROADWORK CONTINUES THROUGH HOLIDAYS

Barring a holiday miracle, the same US 41 bridge construction that snagged traffic all summer and fall will continue impacting motorists through December – at least.

The latest update from the Indiana Department of Transportation has construction on the bridge deck and both approaches continuing until winter weather forces the project to be shut down.

Public Works Director John Bach said the town continues to monitor the project but has no say in the state's timetable. Delays are forcing Highland police to create contingency plans protecting motorists and businesses during the height of the holiday shopping season.

"Given INDOT's new timetable, we have made adjustments in our manpower to

mitigate the impact of lane restrictions in and around the Highland Grove shopping district," Cmdr. John Banasiak said.

"We began stationing an officer south of the bridge during Thanksgiving week to provide a timely response to businesses and shoppers despite the traffic," he said. "It is a practice that will continue until the four lanes have reopened to traffic." 🐾

## DOWNTOWN HOOSIER HIGHLANDER ARTS LEGACY LIVES ON

It was the perfect opportunity at the ideal time that led the Rosignol family to combine efforts, opening another chapter in the saga of Hoosier Highlander.

Mom and dad – Polly and Jeff – along with daughters Renee and Alicia opened the Highway Avenue mainstay under new ownership in November.

"It's been an easy transition," said Renee, who has been learning the ropes under the watchful eye of the shop's former owners since July. "We are in love with this store and with our little corner of downtown Highland."

The sisters are gearing up for 2019, fine-tuning plans to keep all that residents have long come to expect at Hoosier Highlander – quality art supplies and framing along with paper and business necessities – while adding art classes and changing up the look of the front of the store.

"We couldn't be more excited about being here and how people have welcomed us," she said.

"We are building a new website and already meeting with members of the local arts community to take a great shop and make it even better." 🐾

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Hoosier Highlander offers custom art framing, art supplies, papers of all kinds, stickers, photo albums, journals and faxing services.  
[hoosierhighlander.com](http://hoosierhighlander.com)



## NEW HPD DASH CAMS

The Council voted in November to purchase nine additional dash cams to complete a multi-year plan to outfit every squad car in the Highland Police Department. The town paid \$42,860 for the in-car cameras and accessories. Dash cams enhance officer safety, improve conviction rates, boost officer training, provide transparency and reduce department liability.

## HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

Highland residents are reminded that trash and recyclables will be collected on Wednesdays during the holidays. Christmas week collection will be Wednesday, Dec 26. New Year's Day week collection will be Jan 2.



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# HOME DECORATING CONTEST A HIGHLAND HOLIDAY TRADITION

By the time the region welcomes Thanksgiving, Tom Banas has already placed and lit a Christmas village inside his home and begun stringing lights for an outdoor display that never ceases to wow the hometown crowd.

It's all part of a 45-year tradition that began with a gift of five ceramic village homes and a desire to give his oldest daughter Christmas memories that would last a lifetime.

"I start with the inside as soon as we finish Halloween," the 41st Place resident said. My mother-in-law's gift of the ceramic houses has grown to include 300 buildings."

The Banas village includes a full complement of accessories including a ferris wheel, dozens of Christmas trees, bridges, even snow folk.

Putting them up just right takes a month, which is followed by hundreds of hours of after-work and weekend time to get the outdoors – which stretches across neighbors' lawns – into holiday shape.

Midway through November, fellow Home Decorating contestant Jim Laviolette is just as busy preparing his Idlewild home for the big event.



## VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

Check out Highland's best decorated homes and vote for your favorite at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) through December 12. Winners will be announced December 13.

"It takes three weeks to get it ready," said Laviolette, who began decorating in 2005. "The longest part is lighting the roof."

Recreation Director Dave Byers said the more than a dozen families who light up December are a welcome tradition. "It's awesome to see the number of residents who go all out to decorate. For many Highland families, driving around town to admire these homes is a big part of their holiday celebration." 🦋

# SNOW RULES HELP KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE

With two winter weather events already logged by mid-November, Highland has switched into snow mode a few weeks earlier than normal.

Public Works Director John Bach said it is a perfect time to revisit the town's snow regulations and prepare for the season ahead.

"Town laws were created to help plows clear streets more quickly and keep motorists safer," Bach said. "We count on our residents to help us do our jobs." In a nutshell:

- ❖ Operation Snow begins with a brine applied to major roads when snow or ice is predicted, followed by salt in the early hours of a storm.
- ❖ Snow plows pick up where salting ends, beginning with major thoroughfares and snow routes and followed by residential streets.

## SNOW REMINDERS



### SNOW PARKING BAN:

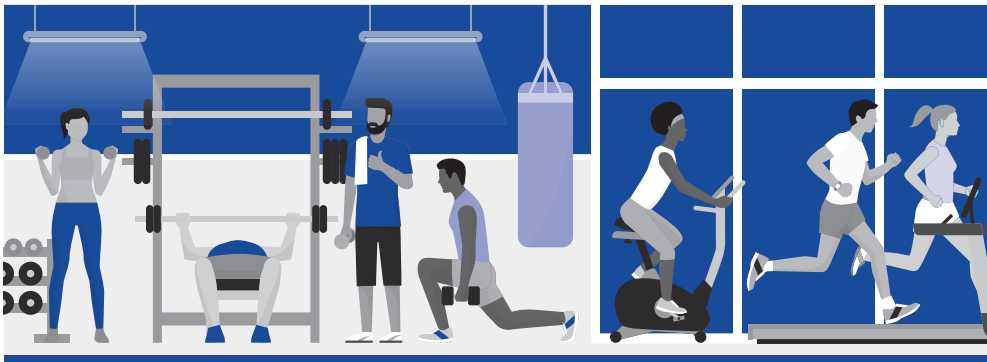
All on-street parking is banned whenever there is more than one inch of new-fallen snow. This allows snow plows to do their jobs in the first critical hours after a snowfall.



### SNOW REMOVAL:

Please remember the Highland noise ordinance bans the use of snowblowers and snowplows in residential neighborhoods between midnight and 6 a.m. If you contract for snow removal, please ask the company to schedule your service between 6 a.m. and midnight to avoid disturbing your neighbors.

## LINCOLN COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTER



# GET FIT FOR 2019

Commit to a healthier you in 2019. Join the Lincoln Community Fitness Center and pay no initiation fee! Start working on a better you! From weights to yoga, we have something for everyone.

### PERSONAL TRAINING

Commit to fitness with a personal trainer. Get one-on-one attention with the New Client Special: three personal training sessions for \$99.

### SILVER SNEAKERS

Lincoln Fitness Center is an official location for SilverSneakers, the nation's leading fully-funded Medicare exercise program for adults 65 and older. If you have a SilverSneakers membership, you are eligible for a pass to our fitness center and these classes:

- SilverSneakers Classic
- SilverSneakers Yoga
- SilverSneakers BOOM

To see if you qualify or to register, visit [silversneakers.com](http://silversneakers.com).

INFO: Call (219) 838-0114 or visit us online at [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org).

### INTENSATI™

This high-intensity cardio class incorporates dance, aerobics, kick-boxing and yoga while using powerful and uplifting spoken affirmations for a workout that moves your body – and shifts your state of mind. Fees apply.

5-5:55 p.m. Thursdays  
or 9-9:55 a.m. Sundays

January 3 – February 3  
February 14 – March 10



### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

'Tis the season when crime can flourish. Police Chief Pete Hojnicky says there are things each of us can do to protect ourselves and our property during the upcoming holidays.

- \* Keep doors locked and valuables out of plain view.
- \* Make arrangements for a trusted neighbor or relative to pick-up or take delivery of mailed packages.
- \* Leave both outside and inside lights on after dark. Preferably on a motion sensor.
- \* Beware of phone scams seeking personal information.
- \* Be aware of scams where subjects come to your door representing a town entity in an effort to gain entry and ransack your home.

### IF YOU ARE LEAVING TOWN ...

- \* Contact police at (219) 838-3184 to place your residence on a vacation checklist. Highland VIPs will physically check the security of your home while you are away.
- \* Put lights/radios/TVs on timers when gone for an extended time.
- \* Make arrangements for your mail and newspapers to be picked up.
- \* Have someone you trust shovel your driveway and walkways.
- \* Take in your trash cans.
- \* Ask a trusted neighbor or relative to check your house.

### IF YOU ARE SHOPPING ...

- \* Shop with friends or family.
- \* Do not carry large sums of money or all of your credit cards. Carry only what you need on your person.
- \* Park in a well-lit area.
- \* Lock your vehicle.
- \* Store valuables in the trunk.
- \* Avoid carrying purses.
- \* Be aware of your surroundings.

### REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Residents are asked to immediately report suspicious people, behavior or vehicles to police by calling 911.



## JUNIOR PAINT WORKSHOPS

Trained Instructor Stephanie Spencer will lead youth - ages 7 through 12 - step-by-step as they paint their own 12" x 12" canvas. It's a fun, stress-free class.

**WHEN:** 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, **DEC. 13** (Let It Snow) and **JAN. 17** (Monogram).

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$15 residents / \$18 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## CANVAS PAINT WORKSHOPS

Created for painters 13 and older, Instructor Stephanie Spencer will show students how to paint their own 16" x 20" canvas. Learn the techniques while having fun.

**WHEN:** 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, **DEC. 13** (Let It Snow) and **JAN. 17** (Monogram).

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$25 residents / \$30 nonresidents

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

## YOUTH DANCE CLASSES

Register in December for classes that begin in January. Dancers ages 3-18 are invited to sign up for pre-dance, mommy & me, musical theater, ballet and jazz.

**WHEN:** Monday, Tuesdays or Saturdays  
**JANUARY 5-MAY 7** with a seasonal showcase on **MAY 11**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$130 residents/\$154 nonresidents plus \$45 showcase costume fee

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

## ACRYLIC PAINTING

Artists learn the various techniques of acrylic painting and how to achieve the best results through still life and landscape paintings. Students required to purchase supplies on their own.

**WHEN:** 2-4 p.m. Fridays, **DEC. 21-JAN. 25**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$43 residents/ \$48 nonresidents.

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

## PIANO LESSONS

This course will teach budding musicians - ages 8 and older - how to play an electronic keyboard as well as read music, play songs and basic chords.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, **DEC. 11-FEB. 12**

**BEGINNERS:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**INTERMEDIATE/ADV.:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**FEE:** \$80 residents / \$85 nonresidents

**MATERIALS:** \$10 for music book and \$3 perweek for keyboard rental.

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**INFO:** highlandparks.org or 219.838.0114

# Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## COMMUNITY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy the sounds of the season at the Highland Community Band's annual Christmas concert.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. December 20

**WHERE:** Highland High School Monbeck Auditorium

**JOIN US!** Highland's very own community band rehearses at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the band room at Highland Middle School.

**INFO:** Email Director Greg Jasek at [maestroflute@att.net](mailto:maestroflute@att.net).

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Ring in the new year with a fireworks display at Main Square Park. Bring the family to enjoy the midnight show and fireworks spectacular. Hot chocolate will be served.

**WHEN:** Midnight December 31

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

## ANNUAL TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

The Holiday Festival of Lights will close with a Twelfth Night celebration. Bring your Christmas trees to Main Square to light up the night. Hot chocolate will be served to warm your hearts and toes.

**WHEN:** 6 p.m. January 6

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

## INFORMATION

For more information on these Parks & Recreation holiday events, please call (219) 838-0114 or visit [www.highlandparks.org](http://www.highlandparks.org).

